Kaleidoscope - Leveled Library Level A

SRA/McGraw-Hill

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Grade Level   P3 - 2nd Grade

Readability Level

Course / Content   Reading
                       Spelling
                       Writing

List Price: 308

Wholesale Price   231

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Content   The Leveled Library is a collection of 18 trade books (per grade level) that relate to Kaleidoscope unit themes.

Student Experiences   Students may select books from the classroom library to extend their reading beyond selections in the Student Reader. The trade books offer students an opportunity to read for pleasure and further explore unit themes.

Assessment   Not applicable.

Organization   Three books from the classroom library are recommended for each of the six units of study.

Resource Materials   Summaries of books included in the classroom library are provided in the Unit Overview that precedes each unit in the Kaleidoscope Teacher's Editions.

Gratis Items to be provided and under what conditions

Available Ancillary Materials   Not applicable.

Research Data and Evidence of Effectiveness
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Research Available

Overall Strength and/or Weaknesses

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Recommendations: This material was reviewed as part of the Kaleidoscope Intervention Reading Program. It is recommended that this program be included on the Kentucky State Textbook Adoption List.

Summary Form

I.	Technology Component Summary	0.00

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Student stories were presented in both CD and audiocassette format.
No management program available online or in CD format.

I. Reading Content Summary   1.9299999999999999
Good variety of selections that are well organized and developmentally appropriate to hold the interest of older students with reading difficulties.

II. Writing Content Summary   1.17
This program does not have a fully developed writing program included because it is mainly a reading intervention program. Many missed opportunities to make meaningful writing connections in this program.

III. Grammar and Spelling Content Summary   1.69
A strong phonics and grammar strand are included.
Could not find an electronic dictionary.

IV. Listening /Speaking / Observing Content Summary   2.00

V. Inquiry Content Summary
No inquiry component found in this program.

VI. Technology Content Summary
Student texts are recorded on cassette tapes as well as CDs.
No interactive student games or reading comprehension activities included.

VII. Audience: Teacher Materials Content Summary   1.45
Easy to follow format that includes several teaching suggestions.

VIII. Audience : Student Materials Content Summary   1.89
The illustrations / photos and the story text were appropriate for older readers.
No poetry or drama was included.

IX. Format Content Summary   1.86
Easy to read student texts and teacher materials. All color coordinated at each level.

X. Ancillary Materials Content Summary   1.83
Satisfactory amount of ancillary materials included.

READING CONTENT

Stories consist of fiction and nonfiction. No poetry or drama included.

WRITING CONTENT

Limited instruction is given is this reading intervention program for authentic writing instruction.

GRAMMAR AND SPELLING

Could not find an electronic dictionary.

LISTENING / SPEAKING / OBSERVING

INQUIRY

TECHNOLOGY CONTENT

The only technology component to the Kaleidoscope Program consists of CD and audiocassettes of recorded stories that come with the program.

AUDIENCE: TEACHER MATERIALS

Focus is on reading development.
Emphasis is on reading instruction.

AUDIENCE: STUDENT MATERIALS

Good selection of fiction and nonfiction. No poetry or drama is included.

FORMAT

ANCILLARY MATERIALS

Online resources are available through SRA, but not directly through the Kaleidoscope program.